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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Condolence Message from Afghan Prime Minister
Taraki to President Carter

Prime Minister Taraki of Afghanistan sent, on February 14, a message of condolence expressing his regrets over the incident which led to the death of Ambassador Dubs in Kabul. Given the passage of time since then and the controversy over the Afghan handling of that incident, we do not believe a reply is necessary or desirable. We also note that Mrs. Dubs has in effect acknowledged the message in a personal letter to Taraki written while she was in Kabul.

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Executive Secretary

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S/S CONTROL NUMBER

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ACTION ASSIGNED TO:

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2/16/79

(Action Office Instructions on Reverse)

ACTION REQUESTED

☒ STATE TO NSC MEMO
☐ STATE TO

☐ with Draft reply for signature
by

☒ with Comment or Recommendation

☐ DIRECT REPLY

☐ provide info copy under cover
of State-NSC transmittal form

☐ REPLY FOR SIGNATURE
BY

☐ provide comeback copy
for

☐ RECOMMENDATION FOR
☐ with Memorandum for the President

☐ APPROPRIATE HANDLING

☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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CLEAR WITH:

REMARKS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

P.M. Taraki of Afghanistan

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FROM: *Rosalie Rangel* (NAME)
S/S-S: *MEM* A B C D
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 16, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: MS. CHRISTINE DODSON
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Carter from Prime Minister Taraki of Afghanistan which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on February 16, 1979 at 9:35 a.m.

Charles H. Jackson Jr. for
Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
ext. 23836

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TAGS: PDIP, AF, US
SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI
TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 39443

1. ATHENS WAS UNABLE TO DELIVER MESSAGE IN TIME TO REACH
PARTY ABOARD SPECIAL AIRCRAFT TO KABUL. MESSAGE IS
RETRANSMITTED FOR YOUR ACTION.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FEB 14 BY
WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER FROM NOOR MOHAMMAD
TARAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME
MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN:

BEGIN TEXT.

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT J. CARTER
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ON THE OCCASION OF VERY SAD AND SHOCKING INCIDENT OF THE
VIOLENT DEATH OF AMBASSADOR ADOLPH DUBS. RESULTING FROM A
COWARDLY ACT OF A NUMBER OF TERRORISTS WHILE I AND MY
GOVERNMENT CONVEY OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY MRS. DUBS AND THE BEREAVED FAMILY I ASSURE YOUR
EXCELLENCY THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY OUR SECURITY
AUTHORITIES TO SAVE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES HE
SUCCEDED TO THE WOUNDS INFLICTED ON HIM BY THE
TERRORISTS. ONCE MORE I EXPRESS MY DEEP REGRETS FOR
THE SAD AND UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WHICH CAUSED THE DEMISE
OF YOUR VERY ABLE AMBASSADOR AND A GOOD FRIEND OF MY
COUNTRY.

SINCERELY, NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

END TEXT.

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FROM: Julie Jacobson (NAME)
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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VIA LDX
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Date: 15 Feb. 79
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MEMORANDUM FOR

STATE SECRETARIAT

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: The President
From: Noor Mohammad Taraki
Date: February 14, 1979
Subject: Death of Amb. Adolph Dubs

ACTION REQUESTED:

Draft reply for:	☐ President's Signature
	☐ White House Staff
	☐ Other
☐ Direct reply	☐ Furnish info copy
☐ Dispatch	☐ Translation
☐ Recommendations/Comments	☐ Appropriate Handling
☐ Other	☐ XXXX Information

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

Harold F. West
For CHIEF OF STAFF
STATE SECRETARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

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